

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2006\_0779A  
Masato YAMAMICHI et al. : **Confirmation No. 6602**  
Serial No. 10/581,442 : Group Art Unit 2432  
Filed January 4, 2007 : Examiner Simon P. Kanaan  
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**REQUEST FOR CHARGE TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A refund of \$400.00 for extra independent claims fees was issued to deposit account no. 23-0975 on February 14, 2007 for the above-identified application. It is believed that this refund has been issued in error. Additionally, a charge of \$220.00 for an extra independent claim fee was made to deposit account no. 23-0975 on December 2, 2010 for the above-identified application.

In this regard, it is noted that on June 2, 2006, Applicants paid for 6 extra independent claims. At this time, the application contained a total of 9 independent claims (i.e., claims 1, 2, 7, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, and 23). According to the Claims Worksheet dated June 2, 2006, located on the USPTO Private PAIR System, claims 17 and 18 are incorrectly noted as dependent claims, and claim 1, 7, 16, 19, 22, and 23 are correctly noted as independent claims. As a result of claims 17 and 18 being incorrectly noted as dependent claims, the fee for 2 independent claims (i.e., \$400.00) was refunded to deposit account no. 23-0975 on February 14, 2007 in error.

*The USPTO is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, and 1.492, which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 23-0975.*

Additionally, the Amendment filed November 30, 2010 presents a total of 9 independent claims (i.e., 6 extra independent claims). It is noted that deposit account no. 23-0975 was charged on December 2, 2010 for one extra independent claim (\$220.00) in response to the filed Amendment.

Therefore, please kindly charge the total amount of **\$220.00** to the deposit account of undersigned, no. 23-0975. If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact Donna Reynolds, Accounting Assistant, at (202) 721-8246.

We appreciate your kind assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

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